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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS:

William J. Curatolo, et al. : Group Art Unit: 1615
Examiner: B. M. Fubara

PATENT NO.: 09/918,127 :

**FOR: Pharmaceutical Compositions of
Cholesteryl Ester Transfer Protein Inhibitor :**

FILED: July 30, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 20, 2004

This is in response to the non-final Official Action dated April 20, 2004 in the above-identified application, the term for response having been extended three (3) months by including the appropriate fee and petition herewith. This response includes a Rule 131 Declaration and two Rule 132 Declarations. The claims have been amended as discussed below. A complete listing of all claims currently under consideration, including the status of each claim, is attached.

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants express their gratitude for the courteous interview conducted with Examiner Fubara on September 9, 2004. Although no agreement was reached at the interview, Applicants acknowledge the helpful discussions held with and suggestions made by the Examiner. Applicants herewith submit a Rule 131 Declaration and two Rule 132 Declarations for consideration by the